

REMARKS

Applicant has received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that the Abstract should have markings. Applicant notes that Applicant has canceled the original Abstract and replaced it with a new Abstract.

Applicant further requests that the Examiner consider further comments with regard to Utility Model Publication of Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. HEI-01-148834 (JP '834). This reference as indicated relates to a sensing arrangement. However, this reference does not show the feature of "a multiplicity of linear image sensors arranged in parallel in direction of the axis of an imaginary semi-cylindrical surface". Further, the reference does not teach or suggest "said photo sensing means including linear image sensors disposed extending in parallel with the central axis of the virtual cylindrical surface".

In JP '834, the shape of a member 10 is a rectangular parallelepiped as shown in Fig. 3. Therefore, each sensor 6 is not a linear image sensor disposed extending in parallel as required by the claims of the present application.

Favorable consideration of this application on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted
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